

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Robert M. **BARNHART**

Serial No.: **09/805,279**

Art Unit: **3623**

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Examiner: **JARRETT, Scott L.**

For: **VERIFYING A BALLOT USING PUBLIC KEY ENCRYPTION AND DIGITAL
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**APPELLANTS' REPLY TO NEW GROUNDS OF REJECTION REQUESTING THAT
PROSECUTION BE REOPENED BEFORE THE PRIMARY EXAMINER UNDER 37
C.F.R. § 41.39(b)(1)**

Dear Sir:

This is Appellants' Reply to the Examiner's Answer setting forth a new ground of rejection mailed on March 6, 2009 in response to the Appeal Brief filed on January 13, 2009 in connection with the decision of the Examiner mailed on June 3, 2008.

This Appellants' Reply requests that prosecution be reopened before the primary examiner as permitted under 37 C.F.R. § 41.39(b)(1) and fully addresses each new ground of rejection set forth in the examiner's answer.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.